



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



Newsletter No 1691

16th – 23rd July 2016 16th Sunday in ordinary time Year C



Mass Times	
Saturday anticipating 6pm	
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm	
Monday – Saturday 10am	
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am	
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Diary

Sunday 17th	Coffee Morning – One World Group
Monday 18th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Christian Meditation Group UCR – 11.45am
Tuesday 19th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club – 9am-4pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Youth Meeting Doris Harris 8pm
Wednesday 20th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 21st	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
	Thinking About Life and Faith Church 7.30pm
Friday 22nd	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 24th	Coffee Morning – MS Society

Readings: Gen 18:1-10, Col 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

Entrance antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm: **The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

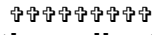
Intercessions: Lord, Have Mercy...

Response: **Be With Us Always!**

Next week Readings : Gen 18:20-32, Col 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 2 Monday Team 1



No cash for the collection? Just text Parish HITCH to 70800 to donate £5.

See posters in porch.

CAFOD collection will be taken after all masses this weekend (16/17th July)

gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors.



Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring

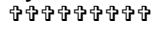
07582 648433

Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.

Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital or if you are ill and housebound please ring the parish office so we can minister to your needs if required.



If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.



Year of Mercy Prayer Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, so that our Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.

Ramblings for Reflection:

The difference between first and second in Motor racing comes down to fractions of a second. The one who comes first is only better by the smallest of a fraction. It would be good to remember this in reading the story of Martha and Mary. Jesus would have been very disappointed if he had not been given something to eat during his visit to Martha and Mary and he had Martha to thank for that. As with all the stories of scripture it helps to ask what does this event teach me about God, about myself, about others? Listening attentively to Jesus, to scripture, is an absolute – and listening in a way that reshapes, reforms, renews our lives and our way of seeing things. Sometimes, the business of our lives leaves us with little time to reflect and listen to what is happening to us and around us and even to those closest to us. It is said that the true maturity of love is when two people no longer need to communicate with words, just being together is all that is necessary. It is as though they see and experience everything together in the same way. This is a maturity that is only discovered by sharing the ups and downs, joys and tragedies of life together and listening to each other with the heart and spending time together. Jesus really enjoyed the meal Martha produced. Maybe Martha would have come off better in the story if she had been grateful to Mary for keeping Jesus company, so that she could cook the best of meals!!

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Unclaimed property: There is a child's buggy and a pink child's bike in the porch which have been there for some time. . If they are not claimed they will be put towards the items for sale at



the Michaelmas Fair.

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MICHAELMAS FAIR OCTOBER 8TH Many thanks to those who have offered goods or services for the Promises Auction. Additional pledge forms are available in the porch or from Trish Bonnett. We also need helpers to set up on Friday 7th October and help run a stall on the Saturday. Please contact Pam Brannigan (01462 632587 or pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com)

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There will be a second collection next Sunday 24th July in aid of the Columbian Missionaries.

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APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA Proceeds from this Sunday's One World Group Coffee morning will go to this charity which supports seafarers in need. More information on the display board in the Link.

Dates for Diary

Sunday 17 July

2-4pm SUE RYDER'S FETE at Stagenhoe. Please do support this cause as one of the resident's Linda, is a regular Minister of the Word.

Monday 18 July

6pm Emergency Stop Trident Protest in Parliament Square. This is the day when MPs are due to vote on the replacement of Trident. <http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Final-Trident-Briefing.pdf>

Tuesday 19 July

2.30pm Mass at Milford Lodge All parishioners welcome.

7.15pm The Eucharistic service tonight will be focused on praying for those who lost their lives in Nice last Thursday and for courage and peace for the people of France and the world. All welcome.

8pm Proclaim '15 Youth Project The next meeting for anyone interested will be in the Doris Harris room.

8pm There will be a Social Evening hosted by the UCM in the Hall. Remember Bring and Share.

Thursday 21 July

7.30pm Thinking About Life and Faith, which began on 7th July, continues on Thursday evenings each week in the church. The Pastoral office was a bit too cosy!

Other items of interest

The next Grand Organ Festival recital will be held on Wednesday 20 July at 7.30pm, and will be performed by Assistant Master of Music, Peter Stevens.

Tickets are £12 (£10) and will be available on the door. Full details on the rest of the GOF series are available on our website:

www.westminstercathedralchoir.com

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St Francis Ramblers welcome parishioners to our ramble on Sunday 24th July (Suitable footwear please!). Meet Stevenage station (walkers' train due in at 10.16am). Lunch at the Bull Inn, 34 High Street, Whitwell, SG4 8AG. Distance 13 miles finishing at Hitchin. Route crosses Knebworth House deer park. Please call Paul on 07847 282626 for more details.